

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute the following claims for the pending claims with the same number:

1. (currently amended) A computer readable storage medium containing instructions which when executed implement a system for operation and visualization of multiple content filters, the medium comprising:

instructions for a plurality of interfaces for content filters that filter a catalog of assets, each interface including at least one control for setting at least one content filter parameter, the content filters including a category based filter and a file folder based filter;

instructions for a filter activation interface for displaying the content filter parameter settings and for displaying corresponding checkboxes, each checkbox being used for activating or de-activating its corresponding content filter, wherein each content filter can be independently activated or de-activated without affecting the activation status and parameter settings of the other content filters; and

instructions for a display interface for viewing a result of application of the activated content filters to the catalog of assets.

2. (previously presented) The medium of claim 1 wherein the content filters are filters for digital files.

3. (previously presented) The medium of claim 2 wherein the content filters are filters for digital image files.

4. (canceled)

5. (canceled)

6. (previously presented) The medium of claim 3 wherein the content filters include a calendar based filter.

7. (previously presented) The medium of claim 3 wherein the content filters include a geographical position based filter.

8. (canceled)

9. (currently amended) A method for operation and visualization of multiple content filters, comprising:

providing a plurality of interfaces for content filters that filter a catalog of assets, each interface including at least one control for setting at least one content filter parameter, the content filters including a category based filter and a file folder based filter;

selectively activating or de-activating the content filters by checking or un-checking each of a plurality of checkboxes, the checkboxes corresponding to the content filters, wherein each content filter can be independently activated or de-activated without affecting the activation status and parameter settings of the other content filters;  
and

displaying a result of application of the activated content filters to the catalog of assets.

10. (original) The method of claim 9 wherein the content filters are filters for digital files.

11. (original) The method of claim 10 wherein the content filters are filters for digital image files.

12. (canceled)

13. (canceled)

14. (original) The method of claim 11 wherein the content filters include a calendar based filter.

15. (previously presented) The method of claim 11 wherein the content filters include a geographical position based filter.

16. (canceled)

17. (currently amended) A computer-readable storage medium storing program code for causing a computer to perform the steps of:

providing a plurality of interfaces for content filters that filter a catalog of assets, each interface including at least one control for setting at least one content filter parameter, the content filters including a category based filter and a file folder based filter;

selectively activating or de-activating the content filters by checking or un-checking each of a plurality of checkboxes, the checkboxes corresponding to the content filters, wherein each content filter can be independently activated or de-activated without affecting the activation status of the other content filters; and

displaying a result of application of the activated content filters to the catalog of assets.

18. (currently amended) A computer readable storage medium containing instructions which when executed implement a system for retrieval of digital assets having metadata associated therewith, the medium comprising:

instructions for an interface for generating a plurality of metadata constraints, wherein each constraint sets at least one value for a metadata property, for modifying values associated with the generated metadata constraints, and for selectively activating or de-activating the generated metadata constraints by respectively checking or un-checking checkboxes corresponding to the constraints, wherein each metadata constraint can be independently activated or de-activated without affecting the activation status and settings of the other metadata constraints;

instructions for a query processor for applying the activated metadata constraints; and

instructions for a display interface for viewing a result of said query processor.

19. (previously presented) The medium of claim 18 wherein metadata includes file system data.

20. (previously presented) The medium of claim 18 wherein metadata includes data assigned by a capture device.

21. (previously presented) The medium of claim 18 wherein metadata includes user assigned data.

22. (previously presented) The medium of claim 18 wherein the plurality of metadata constraints include at least one constraint on date and time metadata.

23. (previously presented) The medium of claim 18 wherein the plurality of metadata constraints include at least one constraint on category metadata.

24. (previously presented) The medium of claim 18 wherein the plurality of metadata constraints include at least one constraint on property metadata.

25. (previously presented) The medium of claim 18 wherein said interface is used for saving a group of at least one metadata constraint as a filter.

26. (canceled)

27. (canceled)

28. (currently amended) The medium ~~system~~ of claim 18 further comprising instructions for a constraint lock processor for locking at least one metadata constraint so as to remain activated when other metadata constraints are activated, de-activated or modified.

29. (currently amended) A method for retrieving digital assets having metadata associated therewith, comprising:

generating a plurality of metadata constraints, wherein each constraint sets one or more values for a metadata property;

selectively activating or de-activating the generated metadata constraints by respectively checking or un-checking checkboxes corresponding to the constraints, wherein each metadata constraint can be independently activated or de-activated without affecting the activation status and settings of the other metadata constraints;

applying the activated metadata constraints; and

viewing a result of said applying.

30. (original) The method of claim 29 wherein metadata includes file system data.

31. (original) The method of claim 29 wherein metadata includes data assigned by a capture device.

32. (original) The method of claim 29 wherein metadata includes user assigned data.

33. (original) The method of claim 29 wherein the plurality of metadata constraints include at least one constraint on date and time metadata.

34. (original) The method of claim 29 wherein the plurality of metadata constraints include at least one constraint on category metadata.

35. (original) The method of claim 29 wherein the plurality of metadata constraints include at least one constraint on property metadata.

36. (original) The method of claim 29 further comprising saving a group of at least one metadata constraint as a filter.

37. (canceled)

38. (previously presented) The method of claim 29 further comprising modifying at least one value associated with at least one generated metadata constraint.

39. (original) The method of claim 38 further comprising locking at least one metadata constraint so as to remain activated when other metadata constraints are activated, de-activated or modified.

40. (currently amended) A computer-readable storage medium storing program code for causing a computer to perform the steps of:

generating a plurality of metadata constraints, wherein each constraint sets one or more values for a metadata property;

selectively activating or de-activating the generated metadata constraints by respectively checking or un-checking checkboxes corresponding to the constraints, wherein each metadata constraint can be independently activated or de-activated without affecting the activation status and settings of the other metadata constraints;

applying the activated metadata constraints; and

viewing a result of the applying.

41. (currently amended) A computer readable storage medium containing instructions which when executed implement a system for operation and visualization of multiple content filters, comprising:

instructions for a plurality of filter interfaces for setting parameters of corresponding content filters that filter a catalog of assets, each content filter having an activation status of being in an active or inactive state and having a lock status of being in a locked or an unlocked state, and each filter interface having a display generator for rendering a user interface display, wherein at least one such user interface display for a content filter is dependent upon the lock status states of another the other content filter filters, and wherein (i) an unlocked content filter is automatically de-activated when another content filter is activated, and (ii) a locked content filter is not automatically de-activated when another content filter is activated; and

instructions for a lock processor for setting the lock status of at least one content filter; and

instructions for a catalog filter for applying the active filters to filter the catalog of assets.

42. (previously presented) The medium of claim 41 wherein at least one user interface display contains at least one alphanumeric string dependent upon the lock status of another content filter.

43. (previously presented) The medium of claim 41 wherein the alphanumeric string is a statistic about the catalog of assets filtered according to locked content filters.

44. (previously presented) The medium of claim 41 wherein parameters of the content filters are set in a sequential order, and wherein said lock processor locks previously set content filters.

45. (previously presented) The medium of claim 41 wherein parameters of the content filters are set in a sequential order, and wherein said lock processor unlocks previously set content filters.

46. (currently amended) A method for operation and visualization of multiple content filters, comprising:

providing a plurality of filter interfaces for setting parameters of corresponding content filters that filter a catalog of assets, each content filter having an activation status of being in an active or inactive state and having a lock status of being in a locked or an unlocked state;

setting the lock status of at least one content filter; and



rendering a user interface display for a content filter, that is dependent upon the lock ~~status~~ states of ~~another~~ the other content filter ~~filters~~, and wherein (i) an unlocked content filter is automatically de-activated when another content filter is activated, and (ii) a locked content filter is not automatically de-activated when another content filter is activated; and

applying the active filters to filter the catalog of assets.

47. (original) The method of claim 46 wherein said rendering generates a user interface display that contains at least one alphanumeric string dependent upon the lock status of another content filter.

48. (original) The method of claim 46 wherein the alphanumeric string is a statistic about the catalog of assets filtered according to locked content filters.

49. (original) The method of claim 46 further comprising setting parameters of the content filters in a sequential order, and wherein said setting the lock status of at least one content filter, locks previously set content filters.

50. (original) The method of claim 46 further comprising setting parameters of the content filters in a sequential order, and wherein said setting the lock status of at least one content filter, unlocks previously set content filters.

51. (currently amended) A computer-readable storage medium storing program code for causing a computer to perform the steps of:

providing a plurality of filter interfaces for setting parameters of corresponding content filters that filter a catalog of assets, each content filter having an

activation status of being in an active or inactive state and having a lock status of being in a locked or an unlocked state;

setting the lock status of at least one content filter; ~~and~~

rendering a user interface display for a content filter, that is dependent upon the lock ~~status~~ states of ~~another~~ the other content ~~filter~~ filters, and wherein (i) an unlocked content filter is automatically de-activated when another content filter is activated, and (ii) a locked content filter is not automatically de-activated when another content filter is activated; and

applying the active filters to filter the catalog of assets.